

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2137 - HB 2250

February 24, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) and physician assistants (PA) who hold certain certifications to complete a certificate of need for emergency diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment. Requires that a certificate of need completed by an APRN or a PA be reviewed by a supervising physician within 24 hours of completion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-6-404(3) and § 33-6-407(b), two certificates of needs for emergency, involuntary commitment of a person to an inpatient resource are required; the first must be done by a physician or certain mental health professional, and the second by a licensed physician. The proposed legislation allows APRNs and PAs to conduct the second certificate of need, not only at regional mental health institutes, but also at any treatment resource that accepts emergency admissions.
- Although the proposed legislation will expedite the process of completing the second certificate of need, it is not expected to result in any savings of resources.
- The proposed legislation is not expected to increase the number of emergency, involuntary admissions, therefore leading to no significant increase in expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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